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1. During the second quarter of 1952 the railroad station at Jablonove (P49/S91) was built up considerably. It now has four tracks and two loading ramps for tanks and motorized troops.
2. The road leading from Jablonove to the training area has also been rebuilt and strengthened. It is $8\frac{1}{2}$ m. wide now and even heavy vehicles can use it in any weather. This road has a 12% grade, so that troops marching from the station can reach the training area in about three quarters of an hour while it takes them only about half an hour to return.
3. Troops are quartered in barracks which consist of four buildings. These are five-story buildings which were recently painted with camouflage paint as a precaution against observation from the air. Each building will hold three companies with all their equipment, while the barracks as a whole will hold one regiment. Near these barracks another barracks built by the Germans but partially burnt down in 1945 were repaired in 1952. These barracks will shelter a regiment.
4. A paratroop training school has been built on a wooded slope with extends about four or five kilometers to the north of the barracks.
5. A close combat training area, a forest combat training area and training bunkers have been built to the northwest of the barracks.
6. Only a small number of troops assigned to the area are at Jablonove, while the troops to be trained there come and go continuously. Each recruit unit of the infantry, motorized infantry and mechanized infantry in Slovakia goes to this area for a week's training.
7. The training area is strictly guarded. A testing area for the Malacky weapons school is said to be located about four kilometers to the west of the barracks area there.

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